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NATIONALISTS SAY COMMUNISTS PLAN 1952
PURIFICATION DRIVE OF CCP

T'ai-pei, 18 February (Chung-lien She) -- Early in January 1952, the special agent apparatus of the Chinese Communists convoked a special meeting of the Central Committee's Politburo in Peiping. Among the 20 members present were leading figures in the Chinese Communist special agent hierarchy: Ch'en Yun, Li Fu-ch'un, Kao Kang, Li K'o-nung, P'eng Chen, Hsu Ping, Wu Ti-chou, K'ang Sheng, Lo Jui-ch'ing, Yang Hsiu-sheng, T'ang K'o-ch'ing, Lo Mai, Hsu Huang, P'an Heng, and Lin Chen-mien.

This meeting, presided over by Liu Shao-ch'i, outlined the program for a widespread "purification" drive which was to start in January and continue through May 1952. The salient features of this purification stage are as follows:

1. Opportunists within the party will be purged on a China-wide basis. There is an estimated 400,000 of these elements.
2. All decadent CCP members will be purged.
3. There will be an increase in the number of loyal CCP cadres commissioned to work in military and administrative agencies. The thoughts and behavior of incumbent military and administrative functionaries will be under the surveillance and inspection of these cadres.
4. To annihilate reactionaries, special agent groups in urban and rural areas throughout China will be expanded.
5. All reactionaries and despots arrested prior to the purification stage will be sentenced. It is estimated that over one million such criminals will no longer be permitted to languish in prisons and eat provisions.

According to the Chinese Communists, this purification stage calls for the clandestine execution of at least 3 million persons in its 5-month course throughout the mainland.

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